

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please replace the claims, including all prior versions, with the listing of claims below.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

~~Claims~~ What is claimed is:

1. (Currently amended) ~~Method~~ A method for intermediate storage of data packets during a relocation of a mobile subscriber (MS) within a communication network, characterized in that ~~the data packets, comprising:~~
storing the data packets, once the a data transmission path has moved from a switching network node originally responsible for the mobile subscriber (~~old SGSN~~) to a switching network node which is to become responsible for the mobile subscriber (~~new SGSN~~), are stored, in the ~~last~~ a previous switching network node until the subscriber data provided for the ~~a~~ a new data transmission path is located in the last switching network node.

2. (Currently amended) ~~Method~~ The method according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the intermediate storage of the data packets is initiated independently of whether the subscriber is to be monitored ~~or not~~.

3. (Currently amended) ~~Method~~ The method according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein, for the intermediate storage of the data packets ~~so-called~~, trigger points are introduced with ~~the aid of the messages including at least one of a "Forward Relocation Request" (3), "Relocation Request Acknowledge" (4) or "Relocation Detect" (9).~~

4. (Currently amended) ~~Method~~ The method in accordance with ~~one of the claims 1 to 3,~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein, after the transmission of the moboile subscriber data, the buffered data packets are deleted if the mobile subscriber is not to be monitored.

5. (Currently amended) ~~Network~~ A network node (~~New SGSN~~) for intermediate storage of data packets during a relocation of a mobile subscriber (MS) within a communication network, comprising:

~~featuring means~~ a storage device for intermediate storage of data packets after ~~the a~~ transmission path has moved from a switching network node originally responsible for the mobile subscriber ~~responsible (Old SGSN)~~ to said become responsible for the network node ~~(New SGSN)~~ until such time as the mobile subscriber data provided for ~~the a~~ new data transmission path is available.